serious revolution or return of monarchy.[1] It is the nature of the French to make vigorous efforts while full of enthusiasm; to push everything to extremes, and then to be quite tired of the struggle, and suffer their neck to be bowed again to some yoke or other, provided, as formerly, they may amuse themselves by roaring in your ears the splendour of the Court and the glory of the monarch; or, in the present system, the liberty, indivisibility, equality and unity of the Republic.

On most of the walls they have scratched out the finale, *ou la mort,* and on the Palais Bourbon, where the five hundred are to meet, there is put instead of it *Hwmaniti et Justice.*

The imbecility of all the Princes is a great bar to a return to royalty, and *I* really think the present system will take root, if no unexpected convulsion happens. The rulers are much hated, and treated with a disrespect of language never used but in the latter days of Louis XV. They seem to be afraid of venturing out. *Au reste,* there is employment enough for them at home, for the finances are in a very exhausted state.

Carnot has gained ground wonderfully, by all

i The Revolution of the *gth* Brumaire, which placed Napoleon on the throne, proves the fallacy of this prediction*